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§13–1403.

(a) Before an organization listed in subsection (b) of this section may conduct a gaming event, the organization shall obtain a permit from the county agency that the County Commissioners designate.

(b) An organization may conduct a gaming event for its own benefit if the organization is:

- (1) a bona fide:
 - (i) religious organization;
 - (ii) fraternal organization;
 - (iii) civic organization;
 - (iv) war veterans' organization;
 - (v) hospital;
 - (vi) amateur athletic organization;
 - (vii) patriotic organization;
 - (viii) educational organization; or
 - (ix) charitable organization;
- (2) a county volunteer fire department or rescue squad; or
- (3) an auxiliary for a county volunteer fire department or rescue squad.

(c) (1) Before the county agency may issue a gaming permit, the county agency shall determine whether the organization applying for the gaming permit meets the requirements of this section.

(2) An application and the action that the county agency takes on the application are public records.

(d) (1) (i) A gaming permit is valid for 1 year after the date that it is issued.

(ii) A gaming permit may not be transferred.

(2) The County Commissioners may charge a permit fee.

(e) (1) Only members of an organization that holds a gaming permit may conduct a gaming event.

(2) Except as allowed under § 13-1405 of this subtitle, an individual may not benefit financially from a gaming event.

(3) A gaming permit may not authorize a gaming event to be conducted on a Sunday before 1 p.m.

(f) The holder of a gaming permit may award:

(1) prizes to individuals at a gaming event; and

(2) only one major prize at each gaming event.

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